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## CHINA.

*Reports from Hongkong.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports as follows: Week ended September 19, 1903. Eight vessels, with 726 crew and 378 passengers (138 cabin and 240 steerage), were inspected and granted bills of health. Five hundred and sixty-three crew and 230 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects disinfected. One case and 1 death from plague (Chinese) was the only communicable disease reported for the week. The local papers state that plague is present in Newchwang and 500 cases have occurred. For two weeks ended September 21 there were 633 rats caught in Hongkong, and 10 of these were infected with plague.

Week ended September 26, 1903. Eleven vessels, with 832 crew and 642 passengers (203 cabin and 439 steerage), were inspected and granted bills of health. Six hundred and ninety-five crew and 429 steerage were bathed and their baggage (1,172 pieces) disinfected. There were 9 rejections from all causes. The communicable diseases reported for the week were as follows: Cholera, 1 case and 1 death; plague, 2 cases and 2 deaths—all Chinese.

It is reported that 50 or 60 cases of plague are occurring daily at Newchwang.

## COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports, October 28, as follows: Week ended October 27, 1903. Number of deaths during the week 2. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. The two deaths noted were due respectively to malarial fever, 1; tuberculosis, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 21	Brookline .....	32	0	0	0
23	Belvernon .....	20	0	0	0
23	Fort Gaines .....	22	2	0	3
25	Banes .....	20	0	0	0
27	Uller .....	16	0	0	0

## COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, October 30, as follows: Week ended October 29, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases of yellow fever during the week, 2; deaths, 2; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4; prevailing diseases, malarial and yellow fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor.